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May 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with members of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. He then traveled to New London, CT, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Charles R. England.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of U.S. military personnel killed in the war on terror. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced that he has appointed Noel J. Francisco as a member of the District of Columbia Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure.

May 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met with the Chinese delegation to the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the 2006 President's "E" Award and "E" Star Award for Export Achievement.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane G. Farrell to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to nominate Preston M. Geren to be Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate James W. Holsinger, Jr., to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael W. Michalak to be Ambassador to Vietnam.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Charles Tapella to be the Public Printer.

May 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where he visited with wounded military personnel and presented Purple Heart medals to five soldiers.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, mudslides, and rockslides on April 14–15.

The President declared a major disaster in Rhode Island and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and inland and coastal flooding on April 15–16.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on May 5–7.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 21

Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy, vice Linton F. Brooks, resigned.

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of 4 years (re-appointment).

Eric G. John,
of Indiana, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Submitted May 22

Diane Auer Jones,
of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, vice Sally Stroup, resigned.

Jerome F. Kever,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2008 (reappointment).

Anne Woods Patterson,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Michael Schwartz,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2012 (reappointment).

Virgil M. Speakman, Jr.,
of Ohio, to be a member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2009 (reappointment).

Submitted May 23

Ondray T. Harris,
of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of 4 years, vice Sharee M. Freeman.

Withdrawn May 23

Michael E. Baroody,
of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of 7 years from October 27, 2006, vice Harold D. Stratton, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on March 5, 2007.

Michael E. Baroody,
of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, vice Harold D.

Stratton, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on March 5, 2007.

Submitted May 24

Diane G. Farrell,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011, vice Joseph Max Cleland, term expired.

Henrietta Holsman Fore,
of Nevada, to be Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, vice Randall L. Tobias, resigned.

Preston M. Geren,
of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army, vice Francis J. Harvey, resigned.

James W. Holsinger, Jr.,
of Kentucky, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of 4 years, vice Richard H. Carmona, term expired.

Michael W. Michalak,
of Michigan, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

William J. Powell,
of West Virginia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, vice W. Craig Broadwater, deceased.

Robert Charles Tapella,
of Virginia, to be Public Printer, vice Bruce R. James, retired.

Amul R. Thapar,
of Kentucky, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, vice Joseph M. Hood, retiring.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released May 21

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Released May 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to South Dakota

Fact sheet: Border Security and Immigration Reform Agreement Overcomes 1986 Mistakes

Fact sheet: Immigration Fact Check: Responding to Key Myths

Released May 23

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto and Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Frances Fragos Townsend

Fact sheet: A Record of Achievement on Border Security and Worksite Enforcement

Fact sheet: Keeping America Safe From Attack

Released May 25

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 988

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2206

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Kentucky

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Rhode Island

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Iowa

Acts Approved by the President

Approved May 25

H.R. 988 / Public Law 110-27

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